MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

LIBERTY CHURCH,

Amite County, Miss.,

October 9th 11th, A. D. 1875

OFFICERS:

S. BUFFKIN, Moderator,
A. J. EVERETT, Clerk,
J. R. SAMPLE, Treasurer.

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CHAS. H. OTKIN,
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JAMES NEWMAN,
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H. G. QUIN,
S. H. THOMPSON.
R. J. McNEIL,
J. A. BOLLS,
E. A. TAYLOR.

PROCEEDINGS.

LIBERTY, Mississippi, October 9, 1875.

The MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day with Liberty Church, Amite County, Mississippi, pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. W. Bolls, from Jeremiah 31st chap. 7th verse.

After a recess of an hour, the delegates composing the Association assembled in the house, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Farish.

The Clerk being absent, on motion, A. J. Everett was chosen Clerk, *pro tem.*

Brothers J. R. Sample and C. C. Nauck were appointed as reading clerks, by whom the letters from the different churches were read and their statistics minuted.

The following query, from Ramah Church, read and referred to committee on queries: "Is it gospel order to receive a member in the church by letter, who was in disorder while holding said letter."

The delegates from Zion Hill Church being present without their letter, they were, on motion, received.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of Elder S. Buffkin as Moderator, A. J. Everett as Clerk, and J. R. Sample as Treasurer.

Ministering brethren of our faith and order, not members of the Association, were invited to seats with us, and a participation in our deliberations.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

1st. Committee on Religious Exercises and Order of Business—Consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of Liberty Church and Brothers E. B. Seale and S. O'Neal.

2d. On Compilation of Statistics—Elder C. A. Otken and Brothers E. A. Taylor and Z. L. Everett.

3d. On Fellowship of Churches—Brothers Stephen Jackson, J. R. Sample, and Elder James Newman.

4th. On Queries and Communications—Brothers H. S. Anderson, G. S. Morris, and Elder S. Morris.

5th. On Obituaries—Z. L. Everett, W. W. Bolls, and Bro. S. T. VanNorman.

6th. On Nominations—Brothers E. H. Thompson, G. W. Griffin and R. J. McNeil.

7th. On Home Missions—Brother W. Z. Lea, Elder L. Schofield and Brother W. S. Robinson.

8th. On Foreign Missions—Elder C. H. Otken, Brothers S. E. McDonald and J. H. McGehee.

9th. On Ministerial Education—Elder J. A. Hackett, Brothers W. L. Jenkins and E. L. Smith.

10th. On Sabbath School Work—Brothers J. R. Sample, H. G. Quin and S. T. VanNorman.

11th. On Publications—Elders S. S. Relyea, W. W. Bolls, and Brother Stephen Jackson.

13th. On Schools—Mississippi College—Brother C. C. Nauck, Elder Farish, brother T. J. Scott.

13th. On Correspondence—Brother Z. L. Everett.

14th. On Finance—Brothers W. Z. Lea, H. S. Anderson and S. E. McDonald.

15th. On Centennial Movement—Elder J. A. Hackett, Brother E. B. Seale, Elder S. A. Hayden, Brother G. Lumpkin and Elder James Newman.

The Committee on Religious Exercises, made the following report:

9 o'clock, Sunday morning, Sabbath School Mass-Meeting.
At 11 o'clock, Missionary Sermon by Elder L. Schofield.
At 1½ o'clock, Preaching by Elder J. A. Hackett.
Early candle-light, Preaching by Elder Farish.

Corsespondence called for and received as follows:

From Bogue Chitto Association—Elder B. A. Crawford, T. J. Everett, and Brother James A. Jenkins as messengers, with a letter of correspondence and package of Minutes.

From Mississippi River—Brothers A. J. Going and H. C. Perkins, and Elder S. A. Hayden as messengers.

From Central Association—Elder J. A. Hackett, 1st, as messenger from said Association, 2d, as messenger from Mississippi State Convention, 3d, as agent for the Centennial movement.

From Fair River Association—Elder Farish.

From Eastern Louisiana—Elder S. S. Relyea, 1st, as messenger from said Association, 2d, as agent of Southern Baptist Publication Society.

On motion, 11 o'clock Monday morning, was set as the hour for the Report of the Committee on Centennial work.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Hackett.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The Sabbath day's exercises were conducted agreeably to the report of the committee.

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK, OCT. 11, 1875.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother H. G. Quin.

The Committee on Order of Business made their report, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Appendix A).

The roll was called and absentees marked.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Brothers G. W. Smith, H. C. Cupit, M. Wilson and H. S. Anderson.

Correspondence arranged as follows, viz:

To Bogue Chitto Association—Elders W. W. Bolls, James Newman and Brothers B. H. Jenkins, A. J. Everett and H. G. Quin.

To Fair River Association—Elder James Newman and Brothers W. L. Smith and W. A. Lea.

To Mississippi River—Elders L. Schofield, James Newman and Brothers W. Z. Lea, S. H. Thompson and Z. L. Everett.

To Union—Elders James Newman, W. W. Bolls, S. Morris and Brothers J. A. Bolls and T. J. Scott.

To Eastern Louisiana—Elders W. W. Bolls, James Newman and Brothers G. W. Perkins and W. L. Jenkins.

To Pearl River—Elders James Newman, H. G. Quin, and, on motion, the Moderator was added to the delegation.

On motion, the Association send messengers to Central Association, Elders C. H. Otken, James Newman, W. W. Bolls, and, on motion, the Moderator was added to the delegation to Central Association.

To Baptist State Convention—Elders W. W. Bolls, C. H. Otken, L. Schofield, James Newman and Brothers H. G. Quin, Elder S. Morris, Brothers J. R. Sample, W. S. Robinson, J. H. McGehee, C. C. Nauck, E. B. Seale, Z. L. Everett, T. J. Scott, E. H. Thompson, W. L. Smith, S. O'Neal, G. Lumpkin, R. S. McLain, W. R. Jones, W. Z. Lea.

On motion, any other brother presenting himself at the State Convention, may act as an alternate for any delegate who may fail to attend.

Report of Committee on Home Missions, read and adopted. (Appendix B).

Report of Committee on Statistics, read and adopted. Appendix C).

Report of Centennial Committee, read and adopted. (Appendix D).

Report of Committee on Schools—Mississippi College—read and adopted. (Appendix E).

On motion, Brother J. A. White was granted leave of absence.

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association called to order by the Moderator.

Report of Executive Board of Mississippi Baptist Association read and adopted. (Appendix F).

Report of Committee on Obituaries, read and adopted. (Appendix G).

Report of Committee on Publications, read and adopted. (Appendix H).

Report of Committee on Queries, read and adopted. (Appendix I).

Report of Committee on Correspondence, read and adopted. (Appendix J).

Report of Committee on Sunday School Work, read and adopted. (Appendix K).

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions, read and adopted. (Appendix L).

On motion, D. L. Smith was granted leave of absence.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education, read and adopted. (Appendix M).

Report of Committee on Finance, read and adopted. (Appendix N).

On motion, the Committee to Revise the Powers of the Association and Rules of Decorum, were continued.

Report of Committee on Nominations, read and adopted. (Appendix O).

Report of Treasurer, read and adopted. (Appendix P.)

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that contribution to the Lord's cause, is an act of worship not to be neglected by Pastors, or in their absence, by the Deacons of Churches.

Resolved, That we request Brother Hackett, or any other brother appointed by the Centennial Committee, located at Clinton, Mississippi, to come and hold Mass-Meetings in our churches for the purpose of arousing the Baptists and to collect funds for the purpose of Endowing Mississippi College.

Resolved, That we cooperate with the State Mission Board, and that a report of the Missionary labors be made to that Board, located at Crystal Springs, and that Brother Walne be requested to visit our territory in behalf of State Missions.

Resolved, That, in connection with the Moderator, Brothers W. W. Bolls, C. Nauck and R. J. McNeil be appointed a Committee in behalf of the Centennial work.

Resolved, That this Association appoint Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1876, as the time, and Mt. Zion Church, Franklin County, as the place for holding a Sabbath School Convention.

Resolved, That this Association tender its thanks to the citizens and brethren of Liberty and vicinity, for their generous hospitality, and to the officers of the Body for the fidelity they have exhibited in the discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have the Minutes of this Association printed, and distribute the same, and that he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Body be held with Union Church, Franklin County, Mississippi, on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1876.

On motion, Friendship Church was granted a letter of dismission.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Union Church, Franklin County, Mississippi, on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1876.

S. BUFFKIN, Mod.

A. J. EVERETT, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

(A)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st—Roll Call.
2d—Reading Minutes of previous meeting.
3d—Receiving Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
4th—Appointment of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies.
5th—Report of Committees.
6th—New Business.
7th—Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, W. W. BOLLS, Ch'm.

(B)

Your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report:

That there was never a time, since Jesus was on the earth, when the Macedonian cry was heard from almost the whole world as now. Domestic Missions within our bounds, State Missions, Domestic and Indian Missions, are all loudly calling for help, and we are bound by our allegiance to Jesus, to the extent of our ability, to respond to all: further, for years the people of God have been so illy able to meet these demands. In view of these facts, in the opinion of your Committee, now is the time to practice self-denial—to cut off many of these luxuries and superfluities of life—to enable us to contribute to the Lord's cause.

Your Committee would recommend that the Executive Board of this Association be requested to give special attention to the propriety of engaging in Missionary Colportage. Respectfully submitted, W. Z. LEA, Ch'm.

(D)

Your Centennial Committee submit the following report:

The American people propose to celebrate next year as the Centennial of our National Independence. We think it a wise conclusion. After one hun-

dred years of such unprecedented prosperity, we ought, as a people, to make merry and give thanks. We think it fitting and right also for us, as a Denomination, to come fully out of our obscurity and celebrate the Centennial of our blood-rescued heritage of religious liberty.

This Centennial idea is unquestionably a great thought. God has done great things for us, for which we should make some fitting return, and how could we better show our gratitude to him for his goodness, than a memorial offering of benevolent gifts; and we know of nothing calculated to reach farther down the coming ages, or to be of greater benefit to generations yet unborn, than the permanent Endowment of Education. We are glad to know that the Baptists of the United States have determined to raise a sum of money this year, which will be adequate to the permanent Endowment of our Denominational College And especially do we rejoice that the Baptists of Mississippi, ready for every good work, are not behind in this great enterprise.

We would therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That as an Association, we heartily approve of and endorse the plan adopted by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention to raise the sum of $150,000 00 for the secure endowment of Mississippi College, as our contribution to the great Baptist Centennial offering.

2d Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed bo this Association. including those in our bounds already appointed by the State Convention, whose duty it shall be to see that a Centennial meeting be held in each church within our limits, and that every member have an opportunity to contribute to this object.

3d. Resolved, That all of our churches by earnestly requested and urged to release their Pastors for one month, or more if necessary, that they may engage, without expense, in this great work.

4th. Resolved, That our Centennial offerings, raised by this Committee, be placed in the keeping of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention for the Endowment of Mississippi College. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HACKETT, Ch'm.

(E)

Your Committee, appointed on the subject of Schools, would respectfully submit the following report:

The blessings of Educational establishments in our midst is, we believe, neither realized or appreciated generally, in the measure and to that degree which it merits. The general influence of education upon a country or community is that of elevating man to an excellency of intelligance which fits him to occupy, with more honor to himself and fellow-man, the position for which God has created him Through it, hidden things become known; the riches of nature are unfolded, and in the thoughtful contemplation of the greatness and symetry of the glorious work of Creation, more exalted themes for the praise of the Great Architect who made them and us, and who holds the Universe in harmonious control are furnished. Its influence is not only a local character, it makes itself felt by all—no matter how far removed from its dispensing cen-

tre—for in the comforts of his home, in the improvements of the auxiliaries of his labor, in the facilities of communication and transportation, man must acknowledge the products and achievements of educational intellects.

In view of these facts, experience has taught us that the more liberally a section of country is furnished with educational privileges, the better it is also supplied with the means of carrying life to that end for which our Maker has designed it—the improvement and perfection of the Divine attributes in man which makes him God-like, the intellect, the most precious talent which God has placed in his keeping. The present free-school systems in our country, which are in small portions of our country the promoters of much good, are generally of so inferior a character, that they do not deserve our notice any more than to deplore that such a large amount of money is involuntarily expended in their support. There are other schools, however, which not only deserve our notice, but also our fostering care, and which claim of us, as intelligent men and as representatives of congregations of enlightened Christians, a warm and liberal support, and of these, we, your Committee, would bring before you, especially the excellent Institutions at Clinton, Mississippi, Mississippi College and Brother Hillman's Female Seminary. Mississippi College, the pride of the Baptist Denomination of this State, requires not the eulogies of your committee to recommend it to your favor and to solicit in its behalf that vigorous and substantial support which an institution of its sterling character demands at the hands of every Baptist of Mississippi. Look around you, brethren, and your eyes must kindle with joy as you see among you those who have there received the store of knowledge which holds the attention of their congregations spell-bound from Sabbath to Sabbath, in illustrations of that truth which is food and nourishment to you and life to the sinner. Men, who in point of intellect and force of reasoning, are an honor and ornament to their Almamater. Mississippi College—truly we may say her fruits have proved her inferior to none and superior to many Institutions of a similar character.

Brother Hiliman's Central College, is for our daughters, all that we would desire; an establishment in which we may safely expect them to secure, together with a liberal education, such polish and accomplishments as will make them ornaments of society, good daughters and excellent wives.

Brother Relyea's contemplated College for male and female students, at McComb City, we understand will be opened under the auspices of an educational society, sometime during the close of this year. The well-known ability of the brother in charge, may insure its success, and as we recognize in institutions under control of men of well established reputation and Baptists a blessing to all, we recommend them to the favor of all. We, as an Association, would bid these brethren—the originators and conductors of these enterprises—God-speed, and may the blessings of God rest upon their labors.

Mississippi College, the foster child of our Denomination, the pride of our Mississippi Baptists, claims, however, more than our sympathy, our respect and even our prayers; it claims and deserves the warm support of Churches, Associations and Conventions of this State. She is our child, and as such, has demands upon us which we cannot disregard, which we may not set aside. To her we look for the instruction of those who shall teach our children and chil-

dren's children the way of life, the true religion which will fit them to meet us in the life to come; and that her light may shine in and beyond our State, let us supply the oil in such a liberal manner that she will not want; let us place her upon a rock which the tempests of Centennials will not be able to shake her. Let us tax ourselves to our utmost capacity, in whatever other direction we may give our support. Let us lavishly Endow her and embrace her fervently in our public and private prayers to God. Respectfully submitted,

C. C. NAUCE, Ch'm.

(F)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Your Board would respectfully submit the following:

Owing to the want of missionary enterprise among the churches of this Association, as previously reported, the Board entered upon its duties with no small degree of reluctance, but with the determination, by the help of the Lord, to do the best we could. Whereupon, the Board secured the services of two Licentiates of the Association, Brothers S. H. Thompson and R. J. McNeil. Brother Thompson to supply Pioneer Church and Dixon's Creek, and Brother McNeil to supply Spring Hill Church and Homer Hill; authorizing those brethren to raise all the funds they could on the field, with the assurance that the Board would do the best she could for them, which she feared would not be much as there had been previously but little missionary spirit among the churches. Brother Thompson reports that he has labored faithfully and that God has blessed his labors by adding many to the church both at Dixon's Creek and Pioneer. Brother McNeil reported in April that his congregations at Spring Hill as well as Homer Hill were generally good and attentive, and stated that the fact must be noticed that some of his congregation at Homer Hill, though old men, had never before heard a sermon from a minister of our Denomination. Neither of the Missionaries have reported any funds raised on their respective fields of labor.

The following will show the amount of missionary money collected in the Association and paid out by order of the Board.

Rec'd by the Treasurer for Home Missions collected at large		$ 25
From Perrey's Creek Church		3 70
" Hopewell Church		6 00
" Mt. Zion		10 00
" Liberty		6 45
" Union Church		10 00
" Gallilee Church		9 25
Total		$45 15
Amount paid Brother S. H. Thompson	$22 60	
Amount paid Brother R. J. McNeil	22 55	$44 15
Amount not disbursed		$ 50

Respectfully submitted

J. R. SAMPLE, Sec'y.

R. T. RICE. Ch'm.

(G)

Your Committee on Obituaries would report, that we find the mortality table the present year, greatly increased. The number of deaths are more than double that of last year. Many of our oldest members have been called from their labors. We make honorable mention of those whose names have been handed us.

Brother Elzaphan Jackson. of Summit church, died aged about 72 years.

Brother Wm. Jenkins, of New Providence church, died aged 79 years.

Brother Hiram Van Norman, oldest member of New Providence church, died aged ——

Brother Nathan S. Rawlinson, died April 7, 1875, aged 84 y'rs and 10 months.

Sister Zilpha Chance, oldest member of Ebenezer church.

Sister Nancy Thompson, oldest member of Gallilee.

Sister E. A. Terry, aged 62 years,

Sister Mary A Holmes, aged 52 years

Brother J. C. Griffin, of Liberty church.

There are many others whom we could mention. Brethren, this reminds us that we are passing away. Respectfully submitted,

Z L. EVERETT, Ch'm.

(H)

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report:

The religious press appears to be becoming more and more important as an agency for the dissemination of Divine truths and for the establishing of the faithful in the doctrines and the practice of Godliness. The committee would recommend the renewed expression of confidence in the publications and operations of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and the Baptist of Memphis, and Kind Words. They would also recommend an enlarged circulation of Mrs. Mayfield's Happy Home. Respectfully submitted.

S S. RELYEA, Ch'm.

(I)

Your Committee on Queries would report as follows:

Query from Ramah Church—"Has a church the right to receive a member holding a letter of dismission from a Baptist Church, the member having lived in disorder while holding the letter?"

To this we answer, No! The church granting the letter has sole jurisdiction in the case, and should summon her wayward brother to account.

Respectfully submitted, S. MORRIS, Ch'm.

(J)

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report:

The Mississippi Association to her sister Associations, send greeting:—We have nothing special to communicate. Our sixty-ninth annual meeting met with the Liberty Church, on Saturday before the 21 Sabbath in October, 1875. Our statistics show but few accessions. No Missionary operations worthy of note, and but little missionary spirit. We still request a continuance of your correspondence. For further particulars, we refer you to our Minutes.

Z. L. EVERETT, Ch'm.

(K.)

Your Committee on Sunday School work beg leave to submit the following report:

In the first place, we recommend to the brethren to make the Sunday School attractive. This can be done by offering inducements in order to get grown people as well as children to assemble themselves for such occasions. In order to do this, is for those who have on interest already in the importance of Sabbath Schools to make it a specialty to visit their neighbors as well as brethren, talking about the importance of Sabbath Schools, teaching children to observe the Sabbath day as it is taught in the word of God; also, reminding each other of the great responsibility we bear to God in the way we exert our influence on that day, for Christ says he is Lord of the Sabbath, therefore it is designed by God on that day for his people to abound in every good work, and work for the advancement of the cause of Christ here on this earth; consequently, we deem nothing more pleasing in the sight of God, than for his people to assemble themselves at their respective churches upon every Sabbath day for devotional services, proving themselves the light of the world, as our Savior has said, and teaching the youth that Jesus is a Savior. And as God has said he loves a cheerful giver, to have a plan in every school among the pupils to make up money for Sabbath School literature. By thus doing, they will learn that they are indebted to the Lord of their substance.

We also recommend on anniversary meetings, dinner, and some one selected to deliver an address on the occasion.

We also recommend for the officers and teachers to spare nothing in the way of time or means to inform themselves well of their respective duties.

We also recommend to the Pastors of churches to urge the importance of Sabbath Schools upon their congregations. Also, if there are churches where there are no prayer-meeting organized, as we have the promise from Divine writ that whatsoever we ask believing, that we will receive; therefore, insist upon the organization of a prayer-meeting in every church for the purpose of being strengthened in faith and an increase in grace, for the reason why there is no more interest taken in Sabbath Schools, is the want of grace.

Respectfully submitted, H. G. QUIN, Ch'm.

(L.)

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report: As far as we were able to ascertain, our churches have made no contributions to sustain the preaching of the Gospel in foreign fields; our churches take no interest in this matter. This is the lamentable truth. It is to be feared that our Pastors aae most culpable for the listlessness prevailing in our churches upon this subject. The old maxim is true in this particular—"like Priest like people." A report will not awaken them and the churches to their duty. We suggest that our Pastors present the Foreign Mission subject to their people at an early day, that they call for contributions and forward the same to H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. OTKEN, Ch'm.

(M)

The Committee appointed to report on Ministerial Education, submit the following:

We believe the importance of Ministerial Education is appreciated throughout

this Association. Those whom God has called to preach the Gospel can the better perform their duties by an acquaintance with the principles of science generally and by a close and severe study of the Holy Scriptures in particular. We should bestir ourselves to the obligation of its promotion. It is the concern of all who love the Lord Jesus. He taught his Disciples for three years and then said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you into the world," and an inspired Apostle has said: "Labor to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightfully dividing the word of truth." The means to carry out these injunctions are in our hands. The work is committed to us. Let us weigh well its obligation. The Secretary of Ministerial Education, Brother James Nelson, being absent from the State, this obligation becomes the more imperative. The churches must do the work if it is done at all. This Brother Nelson confidently expects of the churches. The Lord, above all, demands it. The churches in their enlightenment and self-sacrifice can, we believe, do it. As a reminder to the churches for their stimulation and the awakening of their attention, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That this Association adopt Brother Judson A. Bolls, as our Ministerial Student at Mississippi College, and that a subscription be taken today for this purpose.

2d. Resolved That this Association give such attention to the subject of Ministerial Education throughout its borders as shall, as far as practicable, supply the absence of the Secretary of Ministerial Education; and we urge subscribers to meet their subscriptions and send to President W. S. Webb, Trustee Board of Ministerial Education, Clinton, Miss. Respectfully,

J. A. HACKETT, Ch'm.

(N.)

Your Committee on Finance would report as follows:

Received from the Churches for Associational purposes.....$85 05
Received for Home Missions..... 1 00

We have examined Treasurer's Report and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Z. LEA, Chairman.

(O)

Your Committee on Nominations would report as follows. For next Executive Board of this Association, Z L. Everett, J. R. Sample, Allen Jenkins, S. T. Van Norman and G W. Perkins.

To Preach the Introductory Sermon of next Association, Elder James Newman, Elder C. H. Otken, Alternate. To Preach Missionary Sermon, Elder W. W. Bolls, Elder L. Schofield, Alternate. Respectfully submitted,

R. J. McNEIL, Ch'm.

Mississippi Baptist Association in account with J. R. Sample, Treasurer.

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1874	October 12	By amount on hand at last report.....$		$ 24 80
"	"	Received for Associational purposes..		88 80
"	"	Received for Home missions at large..		25
"	" 19	Paid H. H. Ratliff, services as clerk..	25 50	
"	" 26	Rec'd from Liberty church, Ministerial Education.....		14 50

1874	October		Paid A. J. Bolls	14 50	
"	Nov.	12	Received from Percer's Creek church for Ministerial Education		4 10
"	Dec.	14	Received from Gallilee church for Ministerial Education		15 75
"	"		Paid A. J. Bolls	19 85	
"	"	19	Paid H. H. Ratcliff, pub. minutes	88 60	
"	"		Received from Percer's Creek, Home Missions		3 70
"	"	27	Received from Hopewell church for Home Missions		6 0
1875	January,	1	Received from Percer's Creek church for Ministerial Education		20 00
"	"		Paid A. J. Bolls	20 00	
"	"	4	Received from Mt. Zion chuach for Home Missions		10 00
"	Feb.	21	Received from Liberty church for Home Missions		6 45
"	March	9	Received from Union church for Home Missions		10 00
"	April	3	Paid S. H. Thompson	17 95	
"	"	6	Paid R. J. McNeil	17 95	
"	"	22	Recived from Gallilee church, Home Missions		9 25
"	"		Paid S. H. Thompson	4 65	
"	"	23	Paid R. J. McNeil	4 60	
"	"		Amount on hand at this report	50	
Total				$213 60	$213 60

Respectfully submitted J. R. SAMPLE, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When constituted.	MEMBERSHIP. Mem'ship last year	Increase. Baptism	Letter	Experience	Restoration	Decrease. Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Dead	Pr's membership.	CHURCH PROPERTY. No Meeting Houses	Seating capacity	Value of meeting Houses	No. of parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Total value of Church property
Damascus	.....	57	4	4	...	1	3	...	...	1	62	1	300	.....	...	...	$.....
East Fork	1810	165	1	3	...	1	4	...	1	3	162	1	500	$800	...	...	1 000
Ebenezer	1806	195	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	193	1	300	500	...	...	500
Friendship	.....	56	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	57	1	...	.....	...	...	.....
Gallilee	1824	121	21	1	...	2	2	4	...	2	137	1	300	1200	...	...	1 200
Hopewell	1813	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	1	500	1000	...	...	1 000
Liberty	.....	157	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	2	152	1	300	1500	...	...	1 500
New Hope	.....	48	28	6	...	1	1	4	...	...	78	1	...	.....	...	...	.....
New Providence	1805	103	2	1	...	...	4	3	...	2	97	1	400	1000	...	...	1 000
Perry's Creek	.....	40	2	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	40	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Ramah	.....	87	4	3	...	1	4	6	...	2	83	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Sarepta	.....	105	20	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	127	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Summit	1862	102	16	9	...	3	12	5	...	3	110	1	500	4000	...	...	4 000
Union	1855	163	5	2	...	5	2	12	...	4	157	1	300	1500	...	...	1 585
Mt. Zion	.....	302	12	8	...	4	9	8	...	1	308	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Zion Hill	.....	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Pioneer	1858	40	7	...	...	.....	...	5	...	2	40	1	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Natchez	.....	95	8	5	...	.....	11	1	1	5	91	1	.....	4000	...	...	4 000
Spring Hill	.....	7	...	...	...	.....	2	...	...	1	10	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.
Damascus	Lincoln	H C. Cupit, M. Wilson	J. hn F. Porter	Caseyville, Miss.
East Fork	Amite	Quinn, Everett, Jenkins	W. Everett	Liberty, "
Ebenezer	Amite	White, Perkins, Scofield	W H. Gunby	Rose-Hill, "
Friendship	Lincoln	W. L. Smith, G. W. Smith	W. L. Smith	
Gallilee	Amite	R.J McNeil, S T.VanNorman	T. H. Hoff	Centerville, Miss.
Hopewell	Franklin	T J. Scott,	R A. Rhodes	Meadville, "
Liberty	Amite	Sample, Bolls, Sinclair	W. Z. Lea	Liberty, "
New Hope	Franklin	I. N. McCaa	J. R. Mullins	Meadville, "
N. Providence	Amite	S. Thompson, G. Lumpkin	M. Jackson	Liberty, "
Perry's Creek	Wilkinson	S. E. McDonald, G.S. Morris	W. H. Davis	Woodville, "
Ramah	Lincoln	G. W. Griffin	W. H. Bowling	Friendship, "
Sarepta	Franklin	S. Morris, E. H. Thompson	T. T. Stewart	Meadville, "
Summit	Pike	C. H. Otken	A. A. Boyd	Summit, "
Union	Franklin	Buffkin, Seale, Robinson	W.S.P. Clayton	Morgan's Fork,
Mt. Zion	Franklin	Anderson, McGehee, Everett	D. B. Cain	McCalls' Creek,
Zion Hill	Amite	Newman, O'Neal, Jones		
Pioneer	Wilkinson	T. S. Smith	C. C. Haney	Woodville, Miss.
Spring Hill	Franklin	Letter, but no delegate	T. Thomas	
Natchez	Adams	E. A. Taylor, C. C. Nanck	R. C. Jeffries	Natchez, Miss.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	Expenses	Home Church	Home S'nd'y School Exp's	Ministerial Education	State Miss'ns.	Bible and publication work	Home mis'ns	Foreign Missions	Building loan Fund	Miscellan'us.	Widows' fund	Ministers and	For printing Minut's	Total	Minutes wanted
Damascus	$	$	$	$	$		$					$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	50
East Fork												5 00	5 00	5 00	50
Ebenezer												3 00	3 00	3 00	
Friendship															
Gallilee	210 00			20 9								7 00	237 00		
Hopewell												5 00	5 00	5 00	40
Liberty												5 00	5 00	5 00	25
New Hope												3 00	3 00	3 00	20
New Providence												5 00	5 00	5 00	40
Perry's Creek							1 00					5 00	6 00	6 00	25
Ramah												3 30	3 30	3 30	40
Sarepta												6 00	6 00	6 00	40
Summit	800 00	75 0	20 0	1 20								5 00	10 25		
Union	130 00	14 0										8 00	158 50		50
Mt. Zion															
Zion Hill												3 75	3 75	3 75	15
Pioneer												3 00	3 00	3 00	25
Natchez															
Spring Hill															

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	No. of schools	Officers and teachers	Scholars enrolled	Average attendance	Teachers baptized	Scholars baptized	No. of volumes in Library	No. S.S. papers taken	No. months in session
Damascus	T. J. Cole	Jackson-Wood, Miss	1	3	24	18		1	75		12
East Fork	W. H. Gunby	Rose Hill "	1	6						20	8
Ebenezer											
Friendship			1	8	40	30				150	12
Gallilee	S. T. VanNorman	Centerville "	1	4	30	20				20	12
Hopewell	Jos. Buckles	Meadville "	1	9	70	35					
Liberty	J. R. Sampler	Liberly "									
New Hope											
New Providence											
Perry's Creek											
Ramah											
Sarepta			1	12	108	65	2	8	100	50	12
Summit	Chas. H. Otken	Summit "	1	6	34	15			80	40	12
Union	W. S. P. Claughton	Morgan's Fork "									
Mt. Zion											
Zion Hill											
Pioneer											12
Natchez	C. Marsh, Jr.	Natchez "	1	12	27	25					

	POST-OFFICE.
er	Caseyville, Miss.
	Liberty, "
	Rose-Hill, "
	Centerville, Miss.
	Meadville, "
	Liberty, "
	Meadville, "
	Liberty, "
	Woodville, "
g	Friendship, "
	Meadville, "
	Summit, "
on	Morgan's Fork,
	McCalls' Creek,
	Woodville, Miss.
	Natchez, Miss.

	Ministers and	For printing Minutes	Total	Minutes wanted
	$ 5 00	$ 5 00		25
	5 00	5 00		50
	3 00	3 00		
	7 00	237 00		
	5 00	5 00		40
	5 00	5 00		25
	3 00	3 00		20
	5 00	5 00		40
	5 00	6 00		25
	3 30	3 30		40
	6 00	6 00		40
	5 00	10 25		
	8 00	158 50		
				50
	3 75	3 75		15
	3 00	3 00		25

	Scholars enrolled	Average attendance	Teachers baptized	Scholars baptized	No. of volumes in Library	No. S.S. papers taken	No. months in session
	24	18	1	75		20	12 / 8
	40	30		150	30		12
	20	20		20	20		
	70	35					12
	108	65	2	8	100	50	12
	34	15	2		80	40	12
							12
	27	25					

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